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**SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 1023-89403661@requests.muckrock.com**

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Re: **12-OIA-0025**

Dear Mr. Smathers,

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) dated January 17, 2012, and received in this office on January 17, 2012. You are seeking:

“an index of HSDN and JWICS shared drive product folders  
(i.e., a print screen showing the list of folders.”

The “HSDN” is the Homeland Secure Data Network, that facilitates the secure sharing and coordination of vital intelligence information between U.S. government organizations involved in terrorism prevention and response. The network is comprised of secure network connections on a data communications framework linking HSDN users to secure data centers.<sup>1</sup> This network protects information classified at the “SECRET”<sup>2</sup> and “TOP SECRET”<sup>3</sup> levels.

The Office of Intelligence and Analysis has determined that the requested screenshots should be withheld in their entirety pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C , (b) (1), to:

“Protect[s] information that is properly classified in the interest

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Department of Homeland Security Inspector General Report titled “DHS Efforts to Develop the Homeland Secure Data Network.” [http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/OIG\\_05-19\\_Apr05.pdf](http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/OIG_05-19_Apr05.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> “Secret” data is defined by Executive Order 12958 (Classified National Security Information) as information that if disclosed to unauthorized persons or compromised could cause serious damage to U.S. national security.

<sup>3</sup> “Top Secret” data is defined by Executive Order 12958 (Classified National Security Information) as information that if disclosed to unauthorized persons or compromised could cause exceptionally grave damage to U.S. national security.

of National security pursuant to Executive Order 12958”<sup>4</sup>

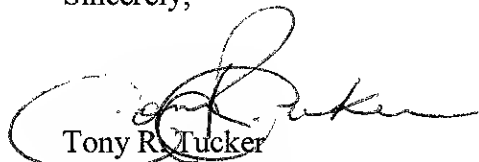
Department of Homeland Security personnel are prohibited from performing the process required to respond to your request- downloading and transferring information from classified networks it to an unclassified network.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked “FOIA Appeal.” Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

Provisions of the FOIA [AND PRIVACY ACT] allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge. 6 CFR § 5.11(d)(4).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 703-447-4190 and refer to **12-OIA-0025**. Our fax number is 202-612-1936 and when faxing documents to this office please be certain to address it to the undersigned person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony R. Tucker', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Tony R. Tucker  
FOIA Officer

Office of Intelligence and Analysis

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<sup>4</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(1).